

DSG/AGM(2019)M001

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minute of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, Annual General Meeting, held at 630pm in the Pentland Hotel (Ballroom), Thurso on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

<b>Present:</b>	Roger Saxon	DSG Chair
	Derrick Milnes	DSG Vice-chair (Socio economic sub group chair)
	Cllr Matthew Reiss	Highland Council
	Gillian Coghill	Independent chair, Buldoo Residents Groups
	Cllr Struan Mackie	Highland Council
	David Broughton	Co-opted member of the public
	Tor Justad	Co-opted member of the public
	Ronnie Johnstone	Church of Scotland
	Cllr Willie Mackay	Highland Council (Site Restoration sub group chair)
	George McDougall	Caithness West Community Council
	Alastair MacDonald	DSG, Honorary member
	David Flear	DSG, Honorary member
	Bob Earnshaw	DSG, Honorary member
	Sand Owsnett	Dounreay Unions
	Thelma Mackenzie	Thurso Community Council
	Ron Gunn	CHAT
	Roy Blackburn	Co-opted member of the public
	Trudy Morris	Caithness Chamber of Commerce
	Davie Alexander	Thurso and Wick Trade Union Council
	Eann Sinclair	HIE/CNSRP
	June Love	DSG Secretariat, DSRL
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Kirsteen Currie	Highland Council
	Cllr Stephen Clackson	Orkney Islands Council
	Brian Mutch	SGRIPD
	Murray Lamont	North Highland Tourism
	Donald MacBeath	North Highland College
	Sandy Mackie	Scrabster Harbour Trust

## **MINUTES**

### **1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

As the DSG Chairman was slightly delayed, Vice-chair, Derrick Milnes took the chair. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Derrick Milnes stated that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Struan Mackie and seconded by Cllr Willie Mackay.

## **2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Derrick Milnes note the Chair's annual report – DSG(2019)C005 refers. He asked members if this wished to raise anything from the Chair's report.

Tor Justad noted David Flear's recent visit to Japan and asked whether there had been representatives from Fukushima. David Flear noted that around 400 delegates had attended the conference and that some had come from Fukushima and the surrounding area. A site to the Monju site had also been arranged for those attending.

As well as technical information, delegates had been interested in learning about how the community and site operators engaged and the DSG presentation had covered the engagement between the community and the NDA/DSRL as well as outlining the socio-economic funding that supported the area. He noted that there were around 30 nuclear plants under decommissioning in Japan with only 9 currently operating. Monju had only operated for 70 days and the plant was literally brand new.

DSG Chairman, Roger Saxon arrived and thanked Derrick Milnes for stepping into the chair while he had been delayed.

Before moving on, Roger Saxon stated it was an appropriate time to thank Derrick Milnes for his contribution as vice-chair and Socio Economic sub group chair as he would now step down from these positions. He reminded members that Derrick had recently received an honorary membership of the Wick and Thurso Trade Union Council for his 30+ years' service. This meant a change of representation for the Trades Council and David Alexander was now the nominated representative. On behalf of the DSG members, Roger Saxon thanked Derrick Milnes for his hard work, commitment and contributions to DSG since its inception in 2005.

## **3. FINANCE REPORT**

The financial report for 2018/19 was tabled – DSG(2019)C006 refers. June Love noted that the financial information was recorded up to the end of January and this would be updated at year end.

David Broughton asked whether any underspend from the DSG budget was carried over into the next year. June Love responded that the spend was kept under review all year and estimates of predicted spend considered throughout. Any underspend went back into the site budget to fund decommissioning activities and therefore was not carried over. The financial year began on 1<sup>st</sup> April and therefore the £30k funding would be available.

## **4. ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The attendance report was noted – DSG(2019)C007 refers. David Broughton asked for one correction to this report. June Love noted she would amend to reflect David Broughton's attendance at the sub group on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## **5. FORWARD DIARY**

The DSG forward diary was noted – DSG(2019)C008 refers.

Tor Justad noted the list of party conferences and suggested that the Green party conference should also be included. Roger Saxon stated that these were for information only and it was not expected that DSG members would attend these unless in an different individual capacity. June Love noted she would include this information.

## **6. WEBSITE REPORT**

The website report covering 2018/19 was noted – DSG(2019)C009 refers.

Cllr Struan Mackie thought the information provided was very interesting showing the different countries and organisations that visited the website and the topics that were searched. June Love noted that the website would be revamped during the year to ensure it was more dynamic and user friendly.

## **7. DSG TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Roger Saxon noted there were no proposed changes to the Terms of Reference.

## **8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Roger Saxon then stood down, handing the chair over to June Love, DSG Secretariat. June Love thanked Roger Saxon. She noted that there had been no written nominations received for any of the office bearers and invited nominations from members.

The following were elected:

DSG Chair:	Roger Saxon	Proposed by: Thelma Mackenzie Seconded by: Cllr Matthew Reiss
DSG Vice-chair:	Cllr Struan Mackie	Proposed by: David Flear Seconded by: Ron Gunn
DSG Socio Economic SG Chair:	David Alexander	Proposed by: Eann Sinclair Seconded by: Cllr Willie Mackay
DSG Site Restoration SG Chair:	Cllr Willie Mackay	Proposed by: Bob Earnshaw Seconded by: Sand Owsnett

June Love noted that Deputy Sub Group Chairs would be agreed at the next sub group meetings. She then handed back the chair to Roger Saxon.

Roger Saxon thanked members for supporting him throughout the year and for re-electing him as Chair for another year. He stated he looked forward to working with the new vice-chair and sub group chairs in the future.

Before closing, Roger Saxon noted his earlier discussion regarding Derrick Milnes stepping down from DSG, adding that the Terms of Reference did not allow for an honorary membership to be provided to vice-chairs. Roger Saxon noted that the Terms of Reference did allow for up to five co-opted members of the public and felt that Derrick's commitment over the years, knowledge and varied contacts which had supported DSG over many years would be a great loss to the DSG. He therefore proposed that Derrick Milnes be accepted as a co-opted member of the public to ensure that Derrick's vast experience and knowledge was not lost. David Flear seconded the proposal and this was agreed.

## **9. CLOSE OF AGM**

Roger Saxon noted that there was still a lot of work to be done and wished to ensure that a number of topics were focussed on during 2019. He stated as decommissioning started to gather pace DSG would play an important role to continue to undertake oversight of the NDA and Dounreay as well as playing an important part in the socio economic activity for the area. He thanked members of their support and looked forward to the year ahead.

As there was no further business, Roger Saxon formally closed the Annual General Meeting.

**Roger Saxon**  
**DSG Chairman**  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2019